



# UB Highlights

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**News & Events for February 15-28, 2017**

## Information Sessions

Register online and find more information for the following sessions in the Events section at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu):

### **Accelerated Degree Completion Program**

Bridgeport, 6th Floor Wahlstrom Library:

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-7 p.m.**

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5:

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m.**

Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane: **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7 p.m.**

### **School of Education**

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5:

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m.**

Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane: **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7 p.m.**

### **Ernest C. Trefz School of Business – MBA programs**

Mandeville Hall, Dean's Suite: **Thursday, Feb. 16, 5-6 p.m.**

### **Nursing – RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program**

Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, 7th Floor, Health Sciences Building: **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

### **Fones School of Dental Hygiene (Undergraduate)**

Health Sciences Center: **Thursday, Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m.**

### **Physician Assistant Institute**

6th Floor, Wahlstrom Library: **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

## Career & Internship Expo Wednesday, Feb. 15, 12-3 p.m.

Don't miss the 2017 Career and Internship Expo, where over 50 employers from a variety of industries will come to the Wheeler Recreation Center looking for full-time employees and interns. Professional dress code required. Stop by Career Development to pick up your Expo Prep Packet. For more information, email [careercenter@bridgeport.edu](mailto:careercenter@bridgeport.edu), or call 203-576-4466.



## LATE BUT GREAT

*Information on the following arrived too late for the February 1-15 issue of the Highlights.*

### Selfie Art Show

**Friday, February 10, 5-7 p.m.**

A reception will be held in the Schelfhaudt Gallery of the Bernhard Center to open an exhibition featuring thirty-plus artists from around the country. "Selfie, an Exhibition of Self-Portraits" displays unique, individual self-portraits of artists from as far away as Portland, OR, and Tucson, AZ. The reception is free and open to all, and the show continues in the Gallery until April 8.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events February 15-28, 2017 Gymnastics (Women's)

**Feb. 26 (Sunday), 1 p.m., Air Force Academy @ Wheeler Recreation Center**

### Men's Basketball

**Feb. 20 (Mon.), 7 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @ Hubbell Gym**

**Feb. 22 (Weds.), 7 p.m., LIU Post @ Hubbell Gym**

### Women's Basketball

**Feb. 18 (Sat.), 1 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Hubbell Gym**

**Feb. 20 (Mon.), 5 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @ Hubbell Gym**

**Feb. 22 (Weds.), 5 p.m., LIU Post @ Hubbell Gym**

## UB Athletics Online Store

Director of Athletics **Anthony Vitti** announced on January 24 the grand opening of the new UB Athletics Online Store. You may now purchase all your Purple Knights gear at [www.ubknightsteamshop.com](http://www.ubknightsteamshop.com).

## Medical Laboratory Science Transfer Day

**Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-noon.**

Students considering transferring to UB may learn about the degree and certificate options available in the Medical Laboratory Science program, meet with faculty and current students, and tour the facilities. Discover the scientific explorations going on at UB! Register online.



## CPIA Roundtable

**Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:20-1:20 p.m.**

Learn about primary and secondary data from the 22 nations of the Arab League in a session titled "The Arab Spring: Beyond Media Effects." Prof. **Mohammed Al-Azdee** will offer insights into why protests emerged in some countries during the Arab Spring. In the Discovery Pavilion of Wahlstrom Library, free and open to all. Contact Prof. Susan Katz at [skatz@bridgeport.edu](mailto:skatz@bridgeport.edu) or 203-583-0509 for more information.



## Necessary Voices Lecture

**Thursday, Feb. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

In Mandeville Hall, Room 104, writer and educator **Edrik Lopez** will present "Solid Wall of Sound: Latin@ Literature of Attestation," using works with acoustic counterpoints to the literal and metaphorical walls rising in our country. Learn about the work of contemporary Latin@ writers and artists! Free and open to all.



## Executive Speaker Series

**Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The Ernest C. Trefz School of Business presents **Charles V. Firlotte**, president and CEO of Aquarion Water Company, speaking on "Navigating Change in Turbulent Times." In the Jacobson Lecture Hall (Mandeville Room 104), free and open to all, with refreshments offered 5:30 to 6 p.m. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session. RSVP to **Eileen Zoppi**, [ezoppi@bridgeport.edu](mailto:ezoppi@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-4384, since seating is limited.



## Mardi Gras Celebration

**Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m.**

**Kenneth A. Graham, Esq. '71** will host the 8th Annual UB Mardi Gras Celebration, to which all alumni and friends are invited. Enjoy festive New Orleans cuisine by Queen Zuri restaurant, free soft drinks, and cash bar. Free parking on site at the Ukrainian American Club, Lower Hall, 279 Kings Drive, Fairfield. Register online, where you will also find directions to the Club.

## Job/Internship Workshop

**Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7-8 p.m.**

UB's Center for Career Development will present a free workshop offering information about how job searches work, an ideal timeline to use, and how to efficiently search for jobs and internships in your desired field. In Charles Dana Hall, Room 130. For more information, email [careercenter@bridgeport.edu](mailto:careercenter@bridgeport.edu).

## MLK Day of Service

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16, UB held its 13th Annual Day of Service. Hundreds of participants, including students and faculty, overflowed the Social Room of the Student Center, where Senator **Chris Murphy** addressed a standing-room-only audience of volunteers. He praised them afterwards, saying, "I like how they showed passion, and it's off the chart."

Service projects ran from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. at various locations, including at UB, the Discovery Museum, Caroline House, St. Mark's Daycare, Harborview Towers, Alpha Community Services, and Let's Get Ready!, a college- and SAT test preparation center for underserved high school students. The morning of service projects concluded with a luncheon presentation by **Daniel Trust**, a Rwandan genocide survivor who is founder and CEO of the Daniel Trust Foundation.

UB students wore t-shirts emblazoned with a famous King quote: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

## Faculty Research Day

The 2017 Faculty Research Day (FRD) is Friday, March 24. Dean **Tarek Sobh**, senior vice president for graduate studies and research, has announced that the FRD website is open for registration and poster submission at <https://frd.bridgeport.edu/>. All faculty, staff, and students are cordially invited to attend and participate. The site offers a schedule of events for FRD and also has an option for non-UB guests to register. **Please note that the deadline for registration and poster submission is Friday, March 3.** Faculty members who are serving as poster advisors for students **MUST** register and be approved on the FRD website prior to student poster submission. Please direct any questions to [frd@bridgeport.edu](mailto:frd@bridgeport.edu).

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### CPIA

**Chris O'Neill '10**, has become the first foreigner to be a paid ninja warrior in Japan. A Martial Arts major at UB, he was among 235 applicants who auditioned in response to a want-ad posted by the Central Aichi Prefecture Tourist Board. Chris's acrobatic back flips impressed the judges, who created a special position for him on a team of 6 Japanese ninja colleagues, including one woman.

### EDUCATION

**Ernie DiStasi M.S. '08, CAS '09** has been named Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools. See <http://www.nhregister.com/social-affairs/20170106/seymour-native-ernie-distasi-named-middle-school-assistant-principal-of-the-year-by-the-connecticut-association-of-schools>. He also serves as an adjunct professor of education at UB.

### NUTRITION INSTITUTE

**Douglas Haddad M.S. '12** has recently published *The Ultimate Guide to Raising Teens and Tweens: Strategies for Unlocking Your Child's Full Potential*. In addition, he has been recognized as District Teacher of the Year in Simsbury, where he teaches science, and also was named a 2017 Teacher-Ambassador in Public Education in the State of Connecticut.

## Hydrotherapy Plunge

On February 2, in observance of World Wetlands Day ([www.worldwetlandsday.org](http://www.worldwetlandsday.org)), a number of UB's Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students took a brief plunge into the very chilly Long Island Sound, continuing a hydrotherapy tradition begun last year. A photo of UB's fun-loving, healthful plungers appeared afterwards in the *Connecticut Post*.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### DENTAL HYGIENE

**Sandra Stramoski**, assistant professor of dental hygiene, published the January cover article, "Effects of Antiplatelet Therapy on Oral Health Care," with Anna Matthews from the City College of New York, Brooklyn, in the journal *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene*. The article was also a continuing education selection. Stramoski and Matthews also presented a live international continuing education webinar to more than 1,400 attendees, "From Controversy to Conversation: Medical Marijuana and Dentistry," on the Colgate Oral Health Network in January.

### HEALTH SCIENCES

**David M. Brady**, vice-president for health sciences, presented on the plenary panel on the use of molecular-based mapping of the GI microbiota in the diagnosis and management of autoimmune disorders and on fibromyalgia and global pain syndromes, at the Autoimmune Disorders Conference of the National College of Natural Medicine, in Portland, OR, January 28-29.

## More Volunteer News

On January 8, seventeen students of UB's Physician Assistant Institute (PAI), Dr. **Monica Lockwood** of the PAI, Dr. **Linda Wagner** of UB's School of Nursing, and support staff embarked on a week-long medical mission to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Host families welcomed the team and provided housing for everyone. The PAI students volunteered their time and skills in local health clinics, a shelter, and a home for the elderly. Blood pressure and diabetes screenings were performed, and educational lessons about important health topics were presented. Over twenty suitcases of medical supplies were donated. The group gained a broad understanding of health issues affecting a population outside of the U.S., and students reported that their experience had been both amazing and rewarding.

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.